# Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

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SOURCE: 20 FR 7357, Oct. 4, 1955, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated at 26 FR 12751, Dec. 30, 1961.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

# § 966.1 Secretary.

Secretary means the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, or any officer or employee of the Department to whom authority has heretofore been delegated, or to whom authority may hereafter be delegated, to act in his stead.

# § 966.2 Act.

Act means Public Act No. 10, 73d Congress, as amended and as reenacted and amended by the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, as amended (48 Stat. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601 et seq.; 68 Stat. 906, 1047).

# § 966.3 Person.

Person means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, or any other business unit.

# § 966.4 Production area and regulated

(a) *Production area* means the counties of Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, Osceola, and Brevard in the State of Florida, and all the counties of that State situated south of such counties.

(b) Regulated area means that portion of the State of Florida which is bound-

ed by the Suwannee River, the Georgia border, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Gulf of Mexico.

[33 FR 8585, June 12, 1968, as amended at 34 FR 19186, Dec. 4, 1969]

#### § 966.5 Tomatoes.

Tomatoes means all varieties of the edible fruit (Lycopersicon esculentum) commonly known as tomatoes and grown within the production area.

#### § 966.6 Handler.

Handler is synonymous with shipper and means any person (except a common or contract carrier transporting tomatoes for another person) who, as owner, agent, or otherwise, handles fresh tomatoes or causes fresh tomatoes to be handled.

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### § 966.7 Handle.

Handle or ship means to sell, transport, deliver, or in any other way to place fresh tomatoes, produced in the production area, in the current of commerce within the regulated area or between any point in the regulated area and any point outside thereof. Such term shall not include the transportation, sale or delivery of field-run tomatoes within the production area by the producer thereof to a registered handler for the purpose of having such tomatoes prepared for market. A registered handler is a handler who has adequate facilities in the production area for grading and packing tomatoes and who is registered with the committee pursuant to rules established with the approval of the Secretary.

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# §966.8 Producer.

*Producer* means any person engaged in a proprietary capacity in the production of tomatoes for market.

# §966.9 Grading.

*Grading* is synonymous with *preparation for market* and means the sorting or separation of tomatoes into grades, sizes, maturities, and packs for market purposes.